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*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:** [foia@americanoversight.org](mailto:foia@americanoversight.org)

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Re: **2019-HQFO-00132**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated November 2, 2018, and received by this office on November 2, 2018. You are seeking communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations/entries) between McLaurine Klingler, Executive Assistant in the White House Office within the Executive Office of the President, and the following DHS political appointees: Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Former Secretary John Kelly, Former Special Assistant Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Former Special Assistant Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Former Deputy Chief of Staff Gene Hamilton, Executive Secretary Christina Bobb, USCIS Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, Deputy General Counsel, former Acting Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, and immigration policy adviser Dimple Shah, and Acting Chief of Staff, Office of Policy, Bradley Hayes.

We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the Department of Homeland Security/Office of the Chief Information Officer for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records between McLaurine Klingler, and the following DHS political appointees: Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Former Secretary John Kelly, Former Special Assistant Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Former Special Assistant Kaitlin Vogt Stoddard, Former Deputy Chief of Staff Gene Hamilton, Executive Secretary Christina Bobb, USCIS Ombudsman Julie Kirchner, Deputy General Counsel, former Acting Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, and immigration policy adviser Dimple Shah, and Acting Chief of Staff, Office of Policy, Bradley Hayes.

While an adequate search was conducted, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist within the Department of Homeland Security/Office of the Chief Information Officer that would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations

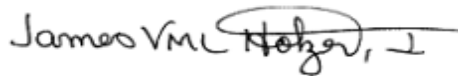
at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2019-HQFO-00132**.

You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Provisions of FOIA [AND THE PRIVACY ACT] allow DHS to charge for processing fees, up to \$25, unless you seek a waiver of fees. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$25 minimum, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James VML Holzer, J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Holzer  
FOIA Program Specialist